

## **Conference and Empowerment Summit**

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The Erie County Commission on the Status of Women (ECCSW) is proud to host the NACW annual conference and empowerment summit this year. It will be held from Thursday, July 13, through until Saturday, July 15, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel and Conference Center in Buffalo. This year's conference theme, Embracing Our Past: Empowering Our Future, is a perfect theme to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Women's Suffrage in New York State.

The Conference will host four keynote speakers: Dr. Shannon Risk, Dr. Evelyn Murphy, Amanda Nguyen, and Sara Emhof. They will discuss issues ranging from women's suffrage in New York State and gender pay equity, to the power of collective impact and youth civil engagement. In addition to the lectures, a Girls Summit will be held on Saturday to encourage democratic participation among teen girls.

Follow <u>this link</u> for more information about the conference. To register for your spot at the conference <u>click</u> here.

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## **Collective Impact**

Collective impact initiatives are being hailed as some of the most comprehensively effective methods of social reform. Collective impact projects are characterized by five key conditions which inform the initiative more specifically around a problem and maximizes the resources available for addressing that problem. The five conditions of the collective impact approach include: a common agenda, a shared measurement system, mutually reinforcing activities, continual communication, and a backbone support organization. Collective impact initiatives address issues through invested, long term plans which are supported by a variety of sectors, such as government, business, philanthropy, nonprofit, and citizen involvement. This interconnected approach addresses the issue from a cross section of perspectives ensuring a comprehensive and inclusive solution.

The ECCSW and the Women's Action Coalition (WAC) will host a WNY Women's Summit on Friday, July 14, during the NACW conference. The Summit will focus on developing a collective impact model to be utilized by the Women's Action Coalition member organization.

To register for your spot at the conference click here.

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